

2d Mar Reg KVN Meeting Minutes 4 January 2005

Those present at the meeting were: Donna Davis, Cathy Palermo, Liz Dubois, Laura Johns, Krishna Nichols, Myshalae Euring, Shari Telleen, Susan Starnes, Alicia Willis, Suzanne Starling, Col Davis, LtCol Palermo, Chaplain Telleen, and GySgt McAllister.

Col Davis opened the meeting at 1830 with slides showing RCT 2's area of operation, AO Denver, and some of the living and working areas aboard Al Asad. AO Denver is 30,000 sq miles (roughly the size of South Carolina). Al Asad is 10 sq miles. The Regiment will be living and working in the Camp Ripper section of Al Asad. The Col also stated that mail is taking approximately 10 days to arrive in Iraq, and prepaid telephone cards work well in Iraq (phone banks set up on base).

Feedback regarding the Predeployment Brief: All agreed that much valuable information was passed. A suggestion was made to add breaks to future briefs, if they will last more than one hour. A request was made to make packets available to those spouses who could not attend the brief. LtCol Palermo will contact MCFTB and request additional packets. Please contact Cathy with the names of those needing packets.

Kids & Deployment Brief: It was decided that we should schedule this brief for the RCT in early May. It was also recommended that we hold another one around November. Cathy will contact MCFTB to schedule these briefs.

KV Training: The 2005 KV Training schedule was distributed. Please give copies of your training *Certificates of Completion* to LtCol Palermo for his records. Appointment letters will be issued by mid February. Please contact Cathy if you have not completed your KV training.

Out of Area Spouses: Please make an initial call to your out of area spouses to introduce yourself and ensure the roster information is accurate. Reimbursement for long distance expenses can be claimed on form 1164. Division also has a limited supply of calling cards that we can obtain to use in making our long distance KV calls. Please contact Cathy if you need information regarding form 1164 or the calling cards.

Websites: Please go to MCCS' web site to check out the new classes being offered by MCFTB. Please go to the Motomail web site for details regarding a new way to correspond with service members stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Your letter will be received by the service member within 48hours – sent like an email, but delivered like a letter. System ensures complete confidentiality. This web site can be used by anyone – family members and friends. Also check out GlobalSecurity.org for interesting satellite photography of Iraq.

CACO Brief will be held in lieu of February KV meeting on Tuesday, February 1st at 1830. The meeting will be held in Bldg 59 (Molly Pitcher Rd), room 204.